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日四初月十一年酉乙

PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C.; GORDON STREET & Co., 39, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Hill; E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., St. Walbrook, E.C.; SAMUEL DEAN & Co., 150 & 156, Leadenhall Street.

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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—MAZZA, F. A., de Cruz; Sastre, Querol & Co.; Atay, Wilson, Nicholls & Co., Foochow; HEDD & Co., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Co.

BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence is to be addressed to the Bank if marked. On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 704

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 500,000
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$ 500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS,
Chairman—F. D. SARSON,
Deputy Chairman—A. M. MOYER, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 5, 1885. 2120

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£200,000
PAID-UP.....£ 600,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES.
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit,
buys and sells Bills of Exchange,
issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for
Collection, and transacts Banking and
Agency business generally on terms to be
had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION PURCHASED ON
ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 4
per cent. net premium per annum.

BOXTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1885. 1458

Intimations.

In the Master of the Estate of the late WILLIAM CATHERALL SYDER, Master of the S.S. "Geophysical."

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having any CLAIMS against the Estate of the said WILLIAM CATHERALL SYDER, who was murdered by pirates at sea, on the 17th October, 1885, and Letters of Administration to whom Estate were granted to his Widow, MARY SYDER, on the 13th DAY of NOVEMBER, 1885, are hereby required to send in Writing to the Under-signed, on or before the 15th DAY of JANUARY next, full Particulars of their Claims or Demands, and all Persons INDEBTED to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment to the Under-signed.

And, Notice is hereby also given that as soon as possible after the above mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Estate, among the Parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims, of which she shall then have had Notice in writing.

Dated in Hongkong,
the 27th November, 1885.

THOS. M. DERMER,

2063

NOTICE.

THE Steamship WAH YEUNG will RUN regularly between HONGKONG and CANTON every SUNDAY, TUESDAY and THURSDAY at 5.30 p.m., commencing on SUNDAY, the 6th instant. Meats, Almonds, Karses & Co. will Act as Agents at Canton.

SHING KEE

Hongkong, December 3, 1885. 2102

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, Praya Central.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP-CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORE JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 256

HONGKONG RACES, 1886.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND
FRIDAY,
24th, 25th, and 26th February, 1886.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.

THE HONGKONG DERBY, a SWEEP-
STAKE of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the date of Closing
Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony and
\$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies bnd
for Griffins at date of Entry (SATURDAY,
23rd January, 1886). First Pony, 70 per
cent.; Second Pony, 20 per cent.; Third
Pony, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 10bs.
One-mile-and-a-half. NOMINATIONS close
on SATURDAY, 10th December, 1885, addressed to the Clerk of the Course, at
the Hongkong Club.

By Order
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Courses.
Hongkong, November 13, 1885. 1978

NOTICE.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RE-
CREATION CLUB request the pleasure
of the COMPANY of the LADIES of
HONGKONG at the REGATTA to be held on
FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 18th and 19th Instant:

SUBSCRIBERS to the REGATTA can obtain
Tickets of Admission to the Regatta on
board of which TEFFIN will be SUPPLIED,
by Treasury to C. S. ADDIS, Esq., Hon.
Secretary.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary.

Victoria Recreation Club,
Hongkong, December 7, 1885. 2127

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned hereby gives Notice
that he has been Appointed AGENT
of the above Company at this port.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2090

OXIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

THE Undersigned hereby gives Notice
that he has been Appointed AGENT
of the above Company at this port.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2091

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Clockmakers, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,
Nautical, Scientific and
Meteorological
INSTRUMENTS.

VOGLI & SONS' CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
KITCHEN, LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSED
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
Christofle & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,
in great variety.

D. I. A. M. O. N. D. S

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest London
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG and WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS, if sent to the
HEAD OFFICES, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE NOW MAKING THEIR GRAND DISPLAY OF
TOYS AND FANCY GOODS,
suitable for
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS,
including—

FRENCH AND ENGLISH DOLLS,
SINGING AND CRYING DOLLS,
CRYING BABIES,
MECHANICAL TOYS,
COMIC A. B. C.'S,
BUILDING BLOCKS,
MOVING FIGURES,
DOLL'S VALISES,
DOLL'S TROUSSEAU,
PICTURE BLOCKS,
OUT-DOOR GAMES,
FUNNY PUZZLES,
BATTER-DODGE AND SHUTTLE-COOKS,
MECHANICAL GUNBOATS,
MECHANICAL TRAINS AND TEAMS,
DOLL'S CRADLES,
RUBBER TOYS,
LEAD SOLDIERS.

MUSICAL TOYS,
TARGETS AND GUNS,
COOKING RANGES,
KITCHEN UTENSILS,
DOLL'S HOUSES AND FURNITURE,
KALEIDOSCOPES,
CARTS AND WAGGONS,
HORSE HORSES,
ROCKING HORSES,
SWINGING HORSES,
VELOCIPDES,
MODEL YACHTS AND CUTTERS,
CORNETS AND TRUMPETS,
SWORDS AND WHIPS,
MASKS IN VARIETY,
TOOT CHEESE,
&c., &c., &c.

FATHER CHRISTMAS,
And a variety of
PRETTY CHRISTMAS TREES.

Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2083

KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.,
HAVE JUST RECEIVED FRESH SUPPLIES OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

SWISS CAPORAL TOBACCO.

GOUPE'S STRAIGHT CUT TOBACCO.

WILL'S BURSTOL BIRD'S EYE.

WILL'S THREE CASTLES.

WILL'S FOUR SEASONS TOBACCO.

MONT'S GOLD LEAF HONEY DWB.

MONT'S GOLD LEAF CIGARETTES.

FRANCIS' WAXED FAIR CIGARETTES.

NEW YORK FAIR CIGARETTES.

LITTLE BRITAINS—fat and compressed.

MILD RICHMOND GRIM CIGARETTES.

ED. CORSAK OFFICE CIGARETTES.

SOLO PROPRIETORS of the following FAVORITE TOBACCOES—

HAPPY THOUGHT, "DOLLAR BRAND," STAR MIXTURE, and "GOLDEN EAGLE."

Also just received, a splendid Assortment of MEERSCHAUM and BRAHMIN ROOT.

PIPES, CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS, CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES, TOBACCO POUCHES, MATCH CASES, and all Kinds of SMOKERS' Goods.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG. 2134

Hongkong, December 8, 1885.

ROBERT LANG & Co.,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Scotch Tweed
Suit, \$15.00.

Over 100 patterns of Stylish
TWEED SUITINGS, COAT-
INGS, TROUSERINGS, SER-
GES, FLANNELS, &c. A large
and choice selection of the newest
FABRICS of English, Scotch
and Continental Manufacture,
from medium to the very finest
qualities.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1771

MISSES GATE AND FAIRALL
HAVE Just RECEIVED by the ENGLISH MAIL
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

WINTER MANTLES, ULSTERS and Ulsters CLOTH.

CHILDREN'S Ready-made DRESSES.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S SHOES, of every description.

MILLINERY, Trimmed and Untrimmed.

Most Handsome Laced FLOUNCINGS of the most beautiful
design.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8979.—DECEMBER 9, 1885.]

For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST LANDED.
THE FOLLOWING

STORES.

YORK HAMS.
STILTON CHEESE.
PUDDING RAISINS (Valencias).
CURRANTS (Patras).

MINCEMEAT.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
FIGS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Brazil NUTS.
Soft-Shell ALMONDS.
Metz FRUITS.
Crystallized FRUITS.

FRUITS in Syrupa.
Imperial PLUMS.
Plum PUDDINGS.
COSAQUES.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.
CONDENSED MILK.
KEROSINE LAMPS.
FAIRBANK'S SCALES.
COOKING STOVES.
PARLOUR STOVES.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of
OILMAN'S STORES,
AND
WINES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

To-day's Advertisements.

JAPAN ! JAPAN ! JAPAN !!!

N O T I C E .

KUHN & Co.

BEG Respectfully to announce that both their STORES, situated at the HONGKONG HOTEL, are now open, and thousands of ancient and much useful and ornamental JAPANESE ARTICLES are offered FOR SALE, at most reasonable wholesale prices.

Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2143

TO LET.

S U N N Y - S I D E .

A COMMODIOUS DWELLING HOUSE, CORNER OF BONHAM AND FORESTHILL ROADS.

Apply to
SAMUEL J. GOWER,
14, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2144

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF NEW YORK will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Japan and other Japan Ports, San Francisco, to Atlantic and Central Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, Havana, Trinidad, and Domingo, and to ports of Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

REGULAR PASSENGERS—Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders available for one year will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcels packages should be marked to address in full; value of name is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 301, Queen's Road Central. C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2145

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SALE.

A CAPE HORSE, standing about 16 hands, good pace, used as a Charger. Apply ADJUTANT, 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2146

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Hailoong*, Captain WYLIE, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2147

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer *King Bay*, Captain R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2148

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Wingfield*, Capt. D'A. de SAUZIER, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at 3 p.m., instead of as previously advertised. This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2149

FOR SINGAPORE.

The Steamship *Victor*, Captain PITTS, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 12th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2140

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Steamship *Catterham*, Captain DARK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & CO., Agents, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2138

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIODO.

The Steamship *Bellona*, Capt. W. SOMMER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2141

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Claymore*, Captain GULLAND, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & CO., Agents, Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2146

STEAM COMPANIES.

H.K. & M. STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited

Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited

China Manuf. Co., Ltd.

MIKE'S MANUFACTORY CO., LTD.

PERAK TIN MINING & SMELTING CO., LTD.

Selangor Tin Mining Co. (Shah),

Puntong & Sungai Dus Samarahan Mining Co., Ltd.

Hongkong Rope Manufactory Co., Ltd.

LOANS.

Chinese Imperial 1881.

" 1884 A.

" 1884 B.

" 1884 C.

Sugar Debenture 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 16th December, 1885, at Noon, at H. M. Naval Yard,

SUNDRY NAVAL & VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES, &c.,

comprising—

OLD IRON, CABLES, FILES, PAPER, STUDY, CANVAS BACK, HOSI, CARPET, AIR PIPE, LAMPS, GOURN BAOS, BISCUIT DUST, CHOCOLATE, MILK, CLOTHING AND IMPLMENTS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—AS CUSTOMARY.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 9, 1885. 2147

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANGLO-INDIAN, British barque, Captain Th. Richter.—Chines.

H. B. STEENKEN, German barq., Captain Chr. Meyer.—Melchers & Co.

DALEMOUTH, British barque, Capt. Benj. Flinton.—Melchers & Co.

GROUSE, British barque, Capt. William Grant.—Captain.

ISAAC REED, American ship, Capt. E. C. Colley.—Order.

LUCILLE, American barque, Captain C. M. Lourenco.—Melchers & Co.

MERCURY, British brigantine, Capt. Wm. Dick.—Master.

NAIMANO, British barque, Captain John Dodd.—Russell & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Alynn.—Russell & Co.

VENTURA, Span. barque, Capt. Ursandi.—Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 8, 1885.—
TAMSIU, British steamer, 910, Vardin, Shanghai December 6, General—Burrell FIELD & SWEE.

DEPARTURES.

December 9.—
Bellona, German steamer, 783, Schaefer, Ningpo December 5, General—SIEMSEN & CO.

GASIE, British steamer, 2,690, W. G. Pease, San Francisco November 10, and Yokohama December 3, Mails and General—O. & S. S. Co.

HAILOONG, British barque, 682, T. H. Williams, Honolulu December 26, Balast.—Chines.

MASSA, German steamer, 1,093, Hays, Shanghai December 6, General—BITTERFIELD & SWEE.

FOLIO, British steamer, 500, F. Goddard, Tamau December 7, and Amoy 8, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

FOR STRAITS AND LONDON.—Per Glenmore, at 12.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 10th inst.

FOR STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.—Per Wingfield, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 10th inst.

FOR SAIGON.—Per Protos, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 10th inst.

FOR AMOY AND MANILA.—Per Diamond, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 10th inst.

FOR AMOY AND MANILA.—Per Don Juan, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 10th inst.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—Per Teheran, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 10th December.

FOR SAIGON.—For Independent, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

FOR MAIL BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per TAMSIU, from Shanghai, 8 Chinese. Per Bellona, from Ningpo, 1 Chinese.

Per GASIE, from San Francisco, Mr and Mrs T. B. Cunningham, Miss A. Quincey, Mrs W. G. Crowell, Mr and Mrs A. Stromeyer and 2 children, Mrs M. Griffiths, and Capt. J. W. Smith; from Yokohama, Mr and Mrs H. N. Moty, son and 3 servants, Mr D. Nowrojee and servant, Mr D. Tata.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

DECEMBER 9, 1885.

LAST DIVIDEND.

CHINA, QU. 1ST QUARTER,

CASH.

The French Commissed Packet *Melior* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th December, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

DECEMBER 9, 1885.

LAST DIVIDEND.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Capt. Doville.—By the death of Captain Doville, which occurred at Hongkong last week, this Settlement has lost an old naval officer, and one of its most popular Captains. For the past quarter of a century the late Captain Doville filled responsible positions in most of the maritime enterprises of the port, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. His genuinity, and the care he bestowed on the comfort of passengers, made him a general favourite with the travelling public, and a wide circle of friends will deplore, with us, his premature end.

I will now read my farewell address to you, gentlemen.

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

I intend to announce officially to you that a fire broke out in the eastern suburbs of the city and raged with unexampled fury for over three hours, not being extinguished until thirty-seven large shops and houses were completely destroyed. All the city and settlement fire-engines were on the ground, but owing to the nature of the fire, the arrival of them was slow. An engine and a body of men, who rendered good service, were sent by H. I. C. M.'s Corps. The Captain of H. I. R. M.'s Corps offered two engines, which had to be declined with thanks. The fire originated in an opium shop, and the damage is estimated to be fully \$100,000. The Chinese Police were scattered at the bridge-of-hands, and arrested quite a number of thieves with stolen property. The scene was a grand one, the country being illuminated for miles around. Several of our Foreign residents took advantage of a house-top in close proximity to the fire, but were unable to render much in the way of assistance.

THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. Those present were:—H. E. the Governor (President), Hon. Sir G. Phillips (Chief Justice), Hon. F. Stewart (Acting Colonial Secretary), Hon. E. L. O'Malley (Attorney General), Hon. A. Liester (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. J. M. Price (Surveyor General), Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. T. Jackson, Hon. F. D. Saseen, and Hon. W. H. Marsh (Colonial Secretary), and Hon. W. Kewick.

MINTURES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE MUNICIPAL TAXES ORDINANCE.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, by order of H. E. the Governor, laid on the table the following despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated Oct. 26th.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 348, reporting the increase by one per cent. of the municipal rating in consequence of the failure of the present police rate to meet the current charges of the force.

I approve of the change which you propose to introduce; by which the municipal taxation will in future be submitted to the Colonial Legislature, the Rating Act of 1876 being amended accordingly; and my approval has already been conveyed to you by telegraph.

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First Day.

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1st RACE.—12.30 p.m.—**JUNIOR CUTTER'S**.

For Single & Sculling Boats. Entrance, 50c. Distance, One Mile. Prize, Broken Cup. Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

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5th RACE.—2.30 p.m.—**WATERLOO CUTTER'S**.

Presented by J. J. Francis, Esq.—For Pair Oars. Distance, One Mile.

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For China-Women. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$8. Time for Oars,—seconds per Oar.

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To be rowed in Canton Four-Oared Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

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